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H.R. No. 58

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gloria Hicks, a tireless supporter of students in  
2 the Corpus Christi Independent School District, received  
3 well-deserved recognition when the district's board of trustees  
4 voted on June 8, 2009, to name a new campus in her honor; and

5 WHEREAS, Once construction is completed, Gloria Hicks  
6 Elementary School is scheduled to open for the 2010-2011 academic  
7 year, and this new place of learning will be an enduring tribute to  
8 the admirable work carried out by Mrs. Hicks; and

9 WHEREAS, A longtime Corpus Christi resident, the former  
10 Gloria Rawlings graduated from W. B. Ray High School and earned a  
11 degree in accounting through her studies at Del Mar College and  
12 Texas A&I University; she and her husband, Ed Hicks, built a  
13 successful car dealership business while also raising a family, but  
14 through the decades, Mrs. Hicks has also found the time and means to  
15 give back to her community in many ways; and

16 WHEREAS, The assistance that this generous individual has  
17 provided to area schools has taken many forms; she is perhaps best  
18 known for her efforts to benefit Miller High School, raising more  
19 than \$60,000 to improve its facilities and educational materials,  
20 and that project was just one example of how she uses her  
21 organizational abilities and her prominence in the community to  
22 garner support for worthy initiatives; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hicks has also devoted herself to helping  
24 students who find themselves in difficult circumstances, and her

1 actions have provided essential resources that allow them to  
2 continue their studies; moreover, she has sponsored a program in  
3 which visitors read books at elementary schools, devoting her own  
4 time to that activity and encouraging others to do likewise; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition to those endeavors focused on education,  
6 Mrs. Hicks takes part in many other philanthropic projects and is an  
7 active member of the congregation at Yorktown Baptist Church; a  
8 civic leader renowned for her compassion and her ability to achieve  
9 positive results, she has dedicated countless hours toward the goal  
10 of making Corpus Christi an even better place to live, and she is  
11 indeed a fitting namesake for the district's new elementary school;  
12 now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
14 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to Gloria Hicks  
15 for her outstanding work in behalf of Corpus Christi students and  
16 commend the Corpus Christi Independent School District for naming  
17 Gloria Hicks Elementary School in her honor; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Mrs. Hicks as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
20 House of Representatives.